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The Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Commissioners



Annual Meeting
at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, September 10th
1914

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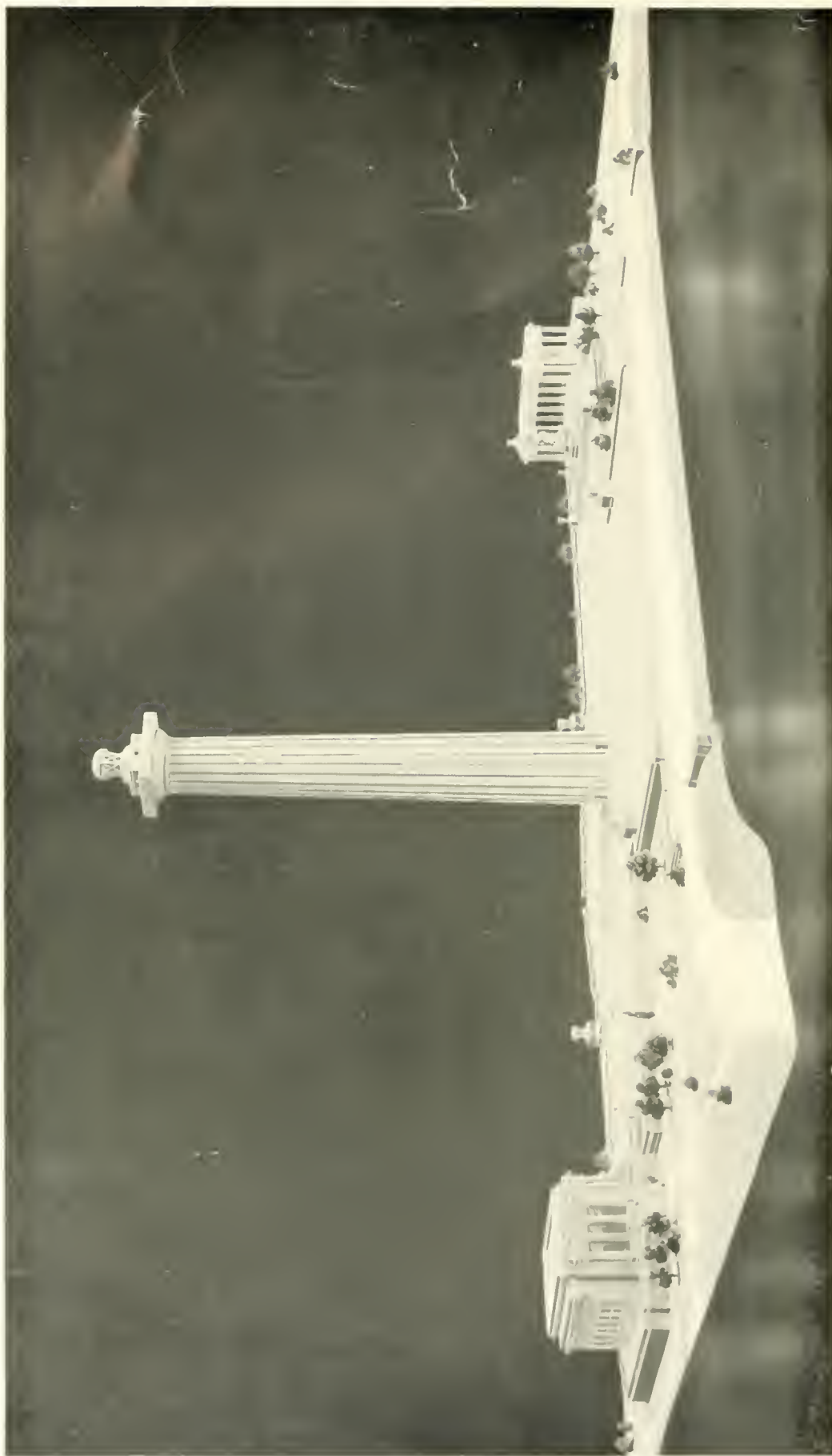
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Synopsis of Business Transacted **Sept. 10th, 1914**

From the Official Records of the Interstate Board



PHOTOGRAPH FROM A MODEL OF THE PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

The Buildings to the left and right of the Plaza are, respectively, the Temple of Peace and Peace Colonnade

Annual Meeting

1914

The fourth annual meeting of the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners, composed of the Commissioners appointed by the President of the United States and the Governors of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Minnesota and Louisiana, charged by law with the responsibility of conducting a fitting celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie and the conclusion of one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and the United States and with the erection of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial at Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island, Ohio, was held at Put-in-Bay, September 10th, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M.

This pamphlet presents a synopsis of the most important business transacted, compiled from the records of the Inter-State Board, together with a brief statement of the facts relative to the work entrusted to the Commissioners.

The laws enacted by Congress and all of the participating States provided for National and State celebrations of the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie and for the erection of a memorial. For these dual objects the National Government and the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, Rhode Island and Kentucky made appropriations at various times prior to the centennial celebrations of 1913. The national celebration was held at Put-in-Bay Island during that summer, under the auspices of the Inter-State Board, but the several state celebrations were conducted under the auspices of the several state commissions at appropriate points within such states and their expenses were borne from the funds appropriated by such states. The Inter-State Board was not concerned in such state celebrations and had no responsibility as to their finances, except that it provided for the cruise of the restored warship "Niagara," Commodore Perry's flagship in the battle of Lake Erie, to the principal ports of the Great Lakes, and otherwise exhibited its interest and contributed the support of its organization to the success of all of the local celebrations.

Aside from the National celebration at Put-in-Bay Island during the summer of 1913, the responsibilities of the Inter-State Board have been limited to the erection of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. Early in the history of the centennial-memorial movement, the Commissioners of the Inter-State Board conceived that a lasting memorial to the heroes of 1812 and to international peace should be the most cherished object of their labors. Accordingly, a competition of architects was held and the present design, by Messrs. J. H. Freedlander and A. D. Seymour, Jr., of New York, selected, under the auspices of the National Fine Arts Commission. Thereupon the Inter-State Board segregated from its funds available from all sources, the sum of \$395,000 for the erection of the great Doric column of the design, which was declared to be in itself the Perry's Victory Memorial, and a contract for the erection of the column was entered into with Messrs. J. C. Robinson & Son, of New York, in the sum of \$357,588. The difference between the latter amount and the sum segregated was intended to provide for architects' fees and

all extras, and reports submitted to the Inter-State Board at the annual meeting, September 10th, 1911, indicated that the cost of the memorial column would be well within the funds available for the completion of the contract. In addition thereto there were apparent resources of approximately \$144,000 for the completion of the central terrace of the memorial and the complete parking of the reservation of fourteen acres.

On the morning of September 10th, prior to their annual session, the Commissioners visited the memorial. The exterior of the column was at that time practically completed, except for surmounting it with the gigantic bronze tripod and light contemplated in the design. The tripod, manufactured by the Gorham Company, of New York, at a cost of \$13,000, was at that time finished and in course of shipment to Put-in-Bay.

The material of the Doric column portions as follows: Height, 317 feet, 3 inches; diameter of neck, 35 feet, 6 inches; abacus, 17 feet square; thickness of walls at neck, 4

The tripod is 22 feet, 10 inches in diameter. It is of statuary bronze in design. The dome is an unbroken surface in 24 construction never before attempted approximately ten tons.

The names of the Americans killed in the Battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, will be carved in the wall panels of the complete roster of the fleet will appear in a passenger elevator will run to the top of the column, and the bronze tablets on the second floor spectators' gallery, at a height of 317

The memorial reservation of four acres, from the center of which the column rises, comprises the narrowest part of Put-in-Bay Island either direction from the site of the three hundred feet, the waters of both Lake Erie and Put-in-Bay harbor. The scene most appropriately includes off whose shores Commodore Perry dispatched his famous message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours," the Canadian shore, the existing testimony to the efficacy of international peace by disarmament.

Convening at 10:00 o'clock the following report of the Building Committee, which was unanimously adopted and ordered placed on file:

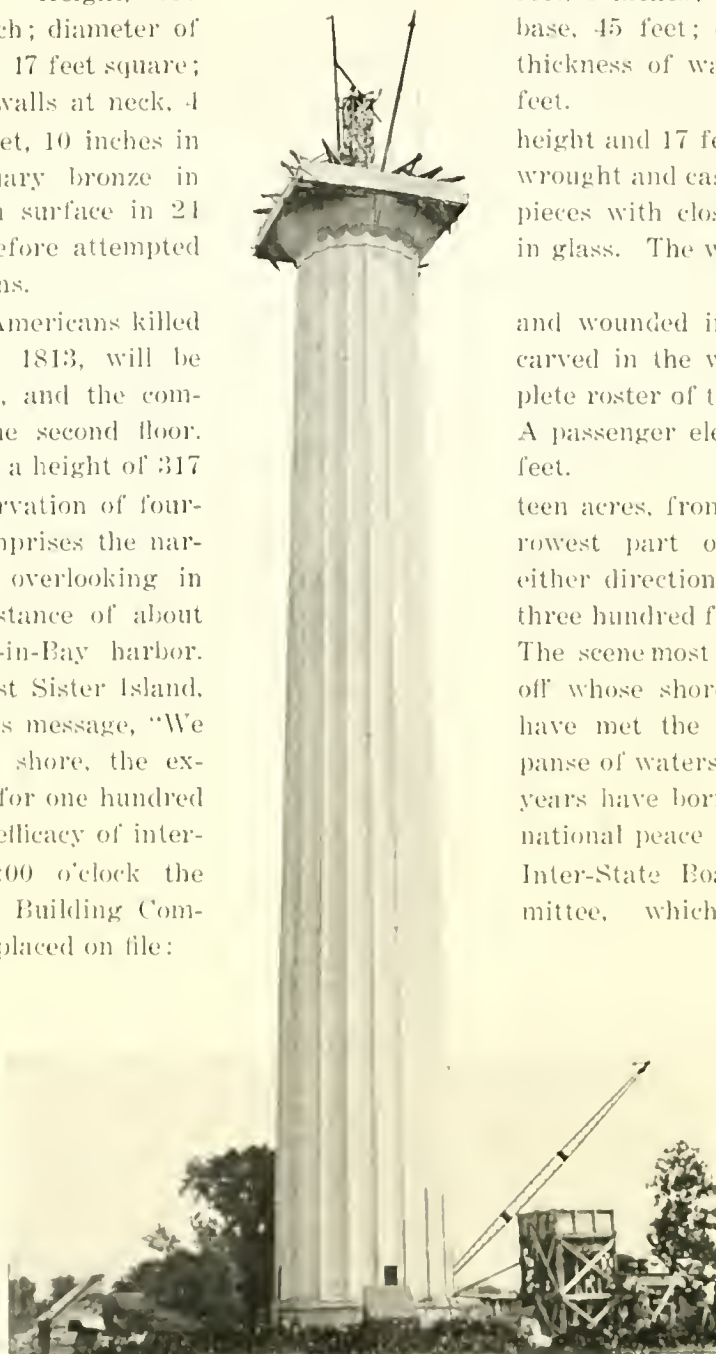
is pink Milford granite and the tripod, 3 inches; total height to top of base, 45 feet; diameter of neck, 35 feet, 6 inches; thickness of walls at base, 9 feet, 9 inches; height and 17 feet, 4 inches in diameter wrought and cast sections. The glass pieces with closed joints, a form of in glass. The weight of the tripod is

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Inter-State Board received the following report of the Building Committee, which was unanimously adopted and ordered placed on file:



THE PERRY MEMORIAL

As nearing completion September 10th, 1911

Report of Building Committee

Put-in-Bay, O., September 10, 1914.

To the Inter-State Board of the Perry's Victory Centennial Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

The Building Committee of the Inter-State Board respectfully submits the following report:

The contract with Messrs. J. C. Robinson & Son, of New York, for the construction of the Doric column of the Perry Memorial, is in the sum of \$357,588. To provide for the payment thereof, together with all extras, architects' fees, etc., the Inter-State Board segregated a fund of \$395,000 derived from national and state appropriations. There has been paid on this contract to date the sum of \$278,921.05, leaving the amount unpaid and due on the completion of the column \$78,666.95.

Architects' fees have been paid as follows:

March 14, 1912—

To J. H. Freedlander, for services as architect in association with A. D. Seymour, Jr., in payment of one half of one per cent upon the proposed cost of the Memorial Building, in accordance with the terms of the Program of Competition (page 15)	\$ 3,000.00
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October 12, 1912—

To three-fifths of total commission of six per cent (\$21,455.28) on contract of \$357,588, less \$3,000 paid as above	9,873.17
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July 16, 1913, to July 10, 1914—

Five subsequent payments of \$1,000 each	5,000.00
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Total paid to date	\$17,873.17
Balance due on completion of the contract	\$ 3,582.11

There has also been paid to Mr. C. E. Sudler, superintendent of construction, at a salary of \$325.00 per month, the sum of \$5,525.00, dating from April 1, 1913.

As indicating the total cost of construction as compared with the amount segregated, therefore, we may recapitulate as follows:

Paid on contract	\$278,921.05
Due on contract	78,666.95
Paid architects	17,873.17
Due architects	3,582.11
Paid superintendent of construction	5,525.00

Total paid and due on completion of contract	\$381,568.28
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The latter figure, indicating a balance of \$10,431.72 of the segregated fund of \$395,000 on the completion of the column, after paying all extras and fees, does not include the future compensation of the superintendent of construction, which will depend upon the term of his employment, nor does it include the traveling expenses of architects, already paid and to be paid; but it indicates a balance of approximately \$9,000.00

The report of the Auditor General on his examination of the accounts of the Treasurer General, when presented to this meeting, will indicate the funds available from all sources in excess of the amount segregated for the memorial, to which the said balance of approximately \$9,000 may be added, and to be applied as the Inter-State Board may in future direct.

(Signed) GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON,
NELSON A. MILES,
HENRY WATTERSON,
Building Committee.

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON,
Secretary.

Report of Auditor-General

In conformity with the Articles of Association of the Inter-State Board prescribing the duties of the Auditor General, Auditor General Harry Cutler, of Rhode Island, in offering the report of his audit of the books and accounts of the Treasurer General of the Inter-State Board, Hon. A. E. Sisson, of Pennsylvania, to July 26, 1914, stated that in preparing this report he had employed, by authority of the Executive Committee, the services of The Audit Company of Cleveland, expert accountants, which had been verified by the Auditor General and Treasurer General and is now presented as the official report of the Auditor General. The report, which was unanimously adopted and ordered placed on file, is as follows:

Examination by the Audit Co. of Cleveland

HARRY CUTLER, *Auditor General,*
Perry's Victory Centennial Commission, Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your instructions, we have made an audit of the accounts and records of the Treasurer General for the period from January 15, 1912, to July 26, 1914, and submit attached:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Details of Cash Balances
State and Government Appropriations
Analysis of Cost of Memorial and Site to July 26, 1914
Cost of Doric Column
Analysis of Salary Account

We found all disbursements of the Commission covering this period, above mentioned, to be supported by vouchers properly receipted, and approved in accordance with the minutes of the Commission. All incomes were verified, appropriations and payments from various states were traced to bank deposits and found properly accounted for.

The Ohio State payments on account of the Inter-State Commission were verified by the books of the Ohio Commission. We found some of the items had been carried through the books of Treasurer General Sisson, others had not been entered to his records. We suggest that entries be made on the books of the Inter-State Commission for all items paid by the Ohio Commission for account of Inter-State affairs so that the Inter-State books may show a complete history of all transactions.

Cancelled checks were inspected and all balances on deposit with the various banks verified by statements and pass books. The warrant of the State of Kentucky, which is held by the Inter-State Commission drawing five per cent interest, was produced and inspected by our accountant.

As shown by the attached exhibits, there has been received from the State and Government appropriations and miscellaneous sources \$446,912.54. There are State appropriations due and unpaid amounting to \$135,279.94. There has been disbursed for construction of Memorial and Commission expenses \$346,349.26. The Commission had on hand on July 26th in cash \$100,563.28, and due from States \$135,279.94, making the total resources of the Commission \$235,843.22. There will be expenditures necessary to complete the cost of the Doric Column of \$102,142.97, which will leave a balance available for other construction work of \$133,700.25.

The books and records of Treasurer General Sisson were found to have been accurately kept, and his records in good condition.

We acknowledge the courteous treatment accorded us by all officers of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

THE AUDIT COMPANY OF CLEVELAND,

(Signed) F. N. FOOTE,

Vice Pres. and Manager.

Perry's Victory Centennial Commission Receipts and Disbursements from Jan. 15, 1912 to July 26, 1914

Receipts

State of Pennsylvania.....	\$ 55,000.00
State of Wisconsin.....	22,000.00
United States Government.....	250,000.00
State of Kentucky.....	25,000.00
State of Michigan.....	15,000.00
State of Rhode Island.....	25,000.00
W. R. Huntington.....	500.00
Miss Caroline Dring.....	1,000.00

Put-in-Bay Board of Trade.....	1,000.00	
Interest on Deposits.....	3,861.80	
Advertising in Souvenir Program.....	3,941.65	
Miscellaneous Receipts, Rent, Copyright, etc.....	381.46	
Otto Nehrenst—Return of Regatta Fund.....	1,723.31	
Commandant of Navy Yard for Returned Powder	505.75	
State of Ohio for Expense Vouchers.....	\$ 6,880.41	
Payments to J. C. Robinson & Son.....	15,115.16	
Regatta Funds	20,000.00	
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	\$ 41,995.57	\$416,912.54

Disbursements

Memorial—Paid on Contract.....	\$224,038.31	
Memorial—Architects, Superintendent, etc.....	20,898.64	
	\$244,936.95	
Salaries	26,239.28	
Office Expenses	1,851.13	
Traveling Expenses	10,179.77	
Expense Account	3,037.09	
Rent	1,107.65	
Insurance	775.00	
Office Furniture and Fixtures.....	165.30	
Treasurer General's Department Expense.....	3,150.00	
Put-in-Bay Celebration	16,657.07	
Centennial Celebration	34,757.05	
Perry Memorial Copyright.....	17.00	
Official Souvenir Program.....	3,472.97	
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	\$346,319.26	
Cash on hand as per detail following.....	100,563.28	\$446,912.54

Detail of Cash Balances

July 26, 1911

Union National Bank.....	\$56,793.48	
Second National Bank.....	8,856.02	
Erie Trust Co.....	107.48	
Security Savings & Trust Co. (Federal Account).....	7,766.66	
Security Savings & Trust Co. (General Account).....	\$14,646.03	
Less interest not entered on Cash Book.....	64.19	
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	\$11,581.84	
Less Outstanding Check (C. H. Davis).....	42.20	
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	\$14,539.64	
Warrant No. 13156, State of Kentucky, being held account "No Funds"		
draws 5 per cent interest.....	12,500.00	
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Cash book balance.....		\$100,563.28

State and Government Appropriations

July 26, 1911

	Appropriated	Paid	Balance Due
New York	\$ 30,000.00	.....	\$ 30,000.00
Illinois	30,000.00	30,000.00
Wisconsin	27,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	5,000.00
Michigan	\$ 31,500.00		
Lapsed	3,498.81		
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	28,001.19	16,500.00	11,501.19
Rhode Island	25,000.00	25,000.00
Massachusetts	15,000.00	15,000.00

	Appropriated	Paid	Balance Due
Pennsylvania	55,000.00	55,000.00	.....
Kentucky	25,000.00	25,000.00	.....
United States Government.....	250,000.00	250,000.00	.....
Put-in-Bay Board of Trade.....	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Personal Gifts	1,500.00	1,500.00	.....
Ohio	\$198,000.00	.....	.....
Less amount lapsed.....	15,545.12	.....	.....
	<u>\$182,454.88</u>	.....	.....
Spent by Ohio Commission.....	30,489.67	.....	.....
	<u>\$151,965.21</u>	.....	.....
Spent for Interstate Commission...	109,186.46	.....	.....
	<u>\$ 42,778.75</u>	.....	.....
Balance	151,965.21	109,186.46	42,778.75
	<u>\$610,466.40</u>	<u>\$505,186.46</u>	<u>\$135,279.94</u>

Analysis of Cost of Memorial and Site to July 26, 1914

	Paid by Treasurer-General	Paid by Ohio Commission	Balance of Contract	Total
J. C. Robinson & Son, acc't Contract.....	\$224,038.31	\$ 34,870.88	\$ 98,678.81	\$357,588.00
Superintendence	4,875.00	.....	.....	4,875.00
Architects Commission	5,000.00	12,931.12	3,464.16	21,455.28
Consulting Engineer . . . . .	.....	739.13	.....	739.13
Premium on Contractors Bond.....	.....	1,787.94	.....	1,787.94
*Electric Plant	7,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Diamond Drilling, etc.....	1,437.70	.....	.....	1,437.70
Dedication	4.00	.....	.....	4.00
Traveling Expenses	273.54	.....	.....	273.54
Clearing Site	1,808.40	.....	.....	1,808.40
Site . . . . .	.....	8,950.00	.....	8,950.00
	<u>\$244,936.95</u>	<u>\$ 67,190.89</u>	<u>\$102,142.97</u>	<u>\$406,770.81</u>
	67,190.89	.....	.....	.....
Consulting Architects . . . . .	.....	3,714.93	.....	3,714.93
Legal Expense . . . . .	.....	337.70	.....	337.70
Probate Court Costs.....	.....	724.24	.....	724.24
Printing . . . . .	.....	74.95	.....	74.95
Prizes to Competing Architects.....	.....	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
	<u>\$244,936.95</u>	<u>\$ 67,190.89</u>	<u>\$102,142.97</u>	<u>\$406,770.81</u>
	67,190.89	.....	.....	.....
Total Payments to Date.....	\$312,127.81	.....	.....	.....
Total Necessary to Complete Column —see detail following.....	.....	.....	\$102,142.97	.....
Total Cost of Column and Site with- out any further extras.....	.....	.....	.....	\$406,770.81
*Contract with Put-in-Bay Improvement Company provides this amount is to be taken out in Power and Light Current.				

Cost of Doric Column

July 26, 1914

Contract, J. C. Robinson & Son.....	\$357,588.00
Architects Commission on Contract Balance.....	3,464.16
Extra work to July 26, 1914, paid by Inter-State Commission	\$ 20,898.64
Less amount advanced for Light Plant.....	7,500.00
	<u>13,398.64</u>
Architects Commission and Sundry Accounts paid by Ohio Commission	22,308.07
	<u>\$396,758.87</u>

Paid by Inter-State Commission on Contract.....	\$224,038.31	.....
Paid by Inter-State Commission on Extras.....	13,398.64	.....
Paid by Ohio Commission on Contract.....	31,876.88	.....
Paid by Ohio Commission on Extras.....	22,308.07	.....
	<hr/>	294,615.90
Amount necessary to complete Column without any further extras....	.....	\$102,142.97

Available

Balance due from States as per detail.....	\$135,279.94	.....
Cash on hand.....	100,563.28	.....
	<hr/>	\$235,843.22
Balance over cost of completion of Column.....	.....	\$133,700.25

Analysis of Salary Account

July 26, 1914

Webster P. Huntington, Secretary General—	
September, 1911, to July 14, 1914—32½ months at \$400.00 per month—one-half of salary for 1911 only charged.....	\$13,000.00
McKenzie R. Todd, Financial Secretary—	
February 14, 1912, to June 30, 1914—29½ months at \$333.33 per month.....	9,833.23
C. S. Magruder, Publicity Agent—	
3½ months at \$200.00 per month.....	700.00
Stenographers' Services	2,706.05
Total	<hr/> \$26,239.28

A report of the general officers of the Inter-State Board, as a special committee on the solicitation of funds for the completion of the Temple of Peace and Peace Colonnade in accordance with the original design of the memorial, was presented, unanimously adopted and ordered placed on file.

Thereupon the Inter-State Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the inspection of the Perry Memorial made this day by the members of the Inter-State Board shows that the Doric column of the memorial is practically completed; and

WHEREAS, the reports of our architects and the Building Committee indicate that both the exterior and interior work on the column will be entirely completed on or before January 1, 1915; and

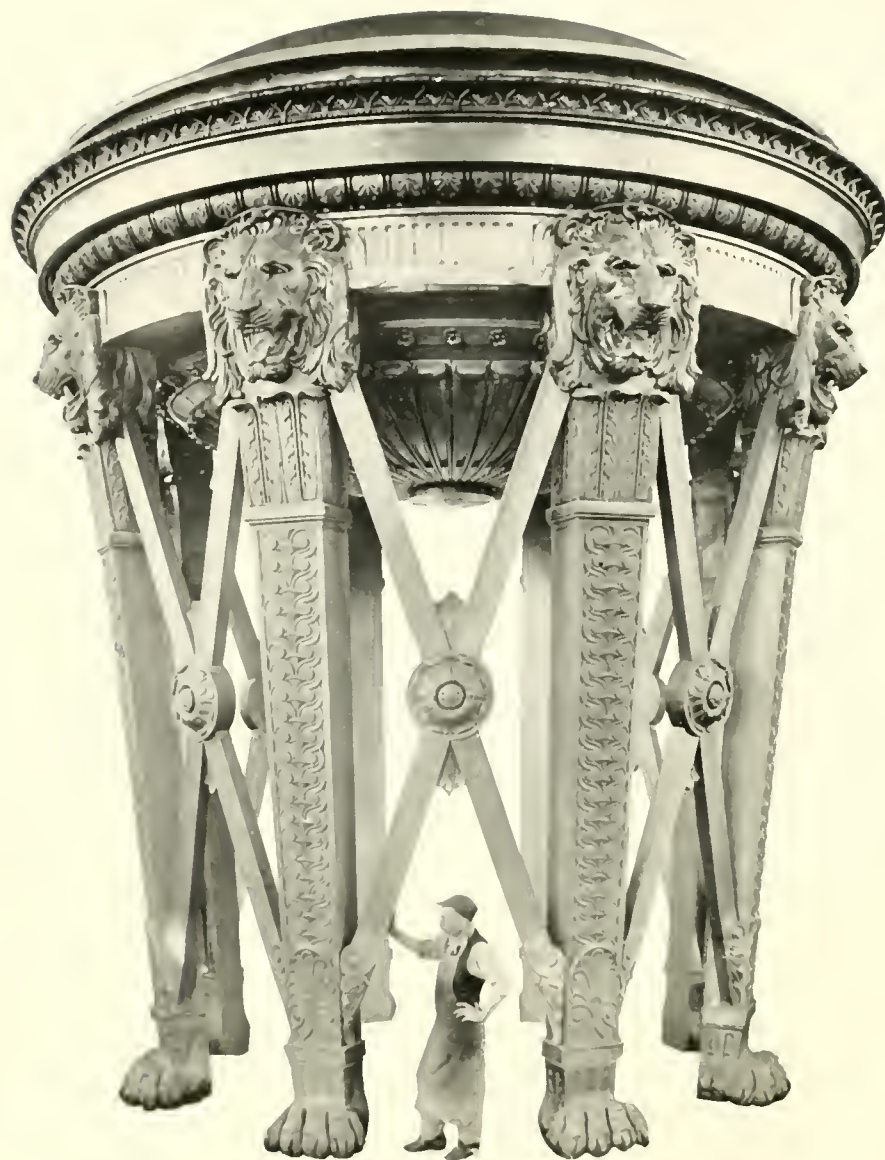
WHEREAS, the reports of the Treasurer General and the Auditor General show that there are in hand, or available, sufficient funds to cover the cost of the completion of the Doric column, the central terrace and the parking of the grounds; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Building Committee is hereby instructed to complete the central terrace and the parking of the grounds of the entire reservation within the funds available, in accordance with the plans and estimates of the architects submitted at this meeting, which are hereby approved, the Building Committee to have full power to act and make the necessary contracts to this end.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, since the original design approved by the National Fine Arts Commission contemplates the erection of a building and colonnade dedicated to international peace, as a part of the memorial, the Inter-State Board hereby affirms its purpose to proceed with all diligence to complete the original design in accordance with such measures as may be authorized for its completion under the direction of the Building Committee.

On motion the Building Committee was authorized to contract for a bronze statue of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, to be placed in the rotunda of the Doric column.

The general officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and thereupon the Board adjourned.



BRONZE TRIPOD AND LIGHT
Which will surmount the Doric Column

Officers

President-General

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON.....Cleveland, Ohio

First Vice-President-General

HENRY WATTERSON.....Louisville, Ky.

Secretary-General

WEBSTER P. HUNTINGTON.....Cleveland, Ohio

Treasurer-General

A. E. SISSON.....Erie, Pa.

Auditor-General

HARRY CUTLER.....Providence, R. I.

Financial Secretary

MACKENZIE R. TODD.....Frankfort, Ky.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL NELSON A. MILES
U. S. A., Retired

REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES H. DAVIS
U. S. N., Retired

GENERAL J. WARREN KEIFER

State Vice-Presidents

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Pennsylvania.....EDWIN H. VARE
Michigan.....ROY S. BARNHART
Illinois.....GENERAL PHILIP C. HAYES
Wisconsin.....REAR ADMIRAL F. M. SYMONDS, U. S. A., Retired
New York.....WILLIAM S. ORMROD
Rhode Island.....SUMNER MOWRY
Kentucky.....COLONEL ANDREW COWAN
Minnesota.....J. EDWARD MEYERS
Louisiana.....W. O. HART

Executive Committee

(N. B.—The President-General is a member *ex-officio*, and the Secretary-General is Secretary, of all committees).

Ohio.....JOHN H. CLARKE
Pennsylvania.....MILTON W. SHREVE
Michigan.....GEORGE W. PARKER
Illinois.....WILLIAM H. THOMPSON
Wisconsin.....A. W. SANBORN
New York.....SIMON L. ADLER
Rhode Island.....JOHN P. SANBORN
Kentucky.....COLONEL R. W. NELSON
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Building Committee

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON, Chairman
LIEUTENANT GENERAL NELSON A. MILES
U. S. A., Retired
HENRY WATTERSON

Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee

THE GENERAL OFFICERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER J. WARREN KEIFER
COMMISSIONER MILTON W. SHREVE
COMMISSIONER JOHN P. SANBORN

Committee on Inscriptions Within the Memorial

GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON, Chairman
U. S. COMMISSIONER J. WARREN KEIFER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT GENERAL HENRY WATTERSON
COMMISSIONER JOHN P. SANBORN
COMMISSIONER JOHN M. WHITEHEAD

Commission Making Progress

(Editorial from the Sandusky Register of Sept. 15, 1914)

The recent annual meeting of the Perry Memorial Commissioners at Put-in-Bay afforded evidence of a very praiseworthy state of affairs regarding the discharge of the responsibilities entrusted to them. For some months Sanduskians and the people of neighboring towns and the Lake Erie islands have watched with interest and satisfaction the progress of the work on the great column of the Perry Memorial, now practically completed, but they were hardly prepared to have this achievement followed last week by the progressive action of the commissioners devoting an additional sum of \$122,000 to the construction of the central terrace around the column and the complete parking of the grounds so as to present a finished and beautiful appearance next spring.

This is a great step forward. It means that in less than a year more than a half a million dollars will have been devoted exclusively to the memorial on contract work and that before another summer is here the most beautiful and impressive monument in the world, amidst ideal surroundings, will be ready for dedication as a lasting tribute to one of the most important events in American history. When we reflect that it was hardly more than five years ago when the State of Ohio initiated this great undertaking with a modest appropriation of \$3,000, even those who were pessimistic at that time are forced to admit that the achievement of today is little less than marvelous. Ohio will never be able to discharge her debt to her sister states and the national government for having so patriotically and generously responded to her invitation to co-operate in making this a national memorial in fact as well as in significance.

If the commissioners are henceforth as successful in their efforts to build the proposed temple of peace, an adjunct of the memorial contemplated in the original design, as they have been in completing the first great work confronting them, they will deserve still further congratulations. At a time when all the world powers except the United States are plunged in the most tragic of wars, the purpose of the commissioners to establish an institution for international peace as well as a mere peace memorial, overlooking the scenes that gave to humanity the inestimable blessings of the Treaty of Ghent, should meet with universal praise and encouragement. That they shall succeed must be the fervent hope of every lover of peace who becomes aware of their far-reaching object, not only in the United States but in all North and South America and among the stricken nations of Europe, now looking to the great western republic as the only hope of the peace in the world.

WERT BOOKBINDING

JAN. 1989

Grantville, PA

